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Mr. Emil Klawitter, Northern Division - NAVFAC
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Re: Fact Sheet 14, Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Record of Decision (ROD) for Installation Restoration Program Site 9, dated March 1999, former Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Davisville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Klawitter:

This serves as a letter of concurrence for the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) prepared by the Navy to document significant changes made to the Site 9 remedy selected by the Navy, EPA-New England and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) on September 29, 1997. The Site 9 ESD was prepared to meet the requirements of Section 117(c) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the National contingency Plan and EPA guidance.

EPA-New England concurs with the plan for the removal of soil with > 10 parts per million (ppm) in the upland and > 1 ppm of PCBs in the near shore area, offsite disposal of the soil in a permitted facility, placement of a two-foot thick soil cap over the subject area, and extension of the revetment to provide shoreline protection in addition to the requirements of the selected remedy. EPA believes this change of the Site 9 remedy is protective of human health and the environment and is cost effective.

EPA-New England looks forward to continuing to work with the Navy and the RIDEM on the cleanup and economic revitalization of the former Naval Construction Battalion Center.

If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please contact the Remedial Project Manager, Christine Williams, at (617) 918-1384.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia L. Meaney", is written above the typed name.

Patricia L. Meaney, Director
Office of Site Remediation and Restoration

cc: Richard Gottlieb, RIDEM
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